

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-46 (Cancelled)

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A method of expressing a selected polynucleotide in a mammalian_cell, comprising

providing an expression construct, which comprises (A) an HIV-2 promoter sequence operably linked to a selected polynucleotide; and (B) an inducible promoter sequence operably linked to a polynucleotide encoding the HIV tat transactivating factor, which binds to and activates said HIV-2 promoter;

introducing said expression construct into the mammalian_cell; and

subjecting said cell to conditions which activate said inducible promoter thereby resulting in the expression of said selected polynucleotide.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein said inducible promoter is a heat shock promoter.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein said conditions which activate said heat shock promoter comprises subjecting the cell to hyperthermic conditions.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 48, wherein said heat shock promoter is selected from the group consisting of an HSP70 promoter, an HSP90 promoter, an HSP60 promoter, an HSP27 promoter, an HSP25 promoter, and a ubiquitin promoter.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the expression construct further comprises, in a 5' to 3' orientation, a second promoter sequence operably linked to a selectable marker gene between (A) and (B).

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein said selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the expression construct further comprises a second selected polynucleotide operably linked to said HIV-2 promoter and an internal ribosome entry site positioned between the two selected polynucleotides.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein said second selected polynucleotide results in the production of a polypeptide, protein, ribozyme, or an antisense molecule.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the introduction of said expression construct into the cell is mediated by a delivery vehicle selected from the group consisting of liposomes, retroviruses, adenoviruses, adeno-associated viruses, lentiviruses, herpes simplex viruses, and vaccinia viruses.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the introduction of said expression construct occurs *in vitro*.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the introduction of said expression construct occurs *in vivo* or *ex vivo*.

Claims 58-70 (Cancelled).